

Senate Resolution 703

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Steve Redden; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on April 26, 1982, three friends, Mr. Steve Redden, Mr. Jeff Raymond, and Mr.
3 Larry Itson, went on an arrowhead expedition near the Brushy Branch recreation area off the
4 Coosa River in Floyd County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, while at the King Site, the three men, noticing a recently bulldozed area of land,
6 began hunting for arrowheads in the freshly cleared dirt; and

7 WHEREAS, the men searched the dirt for tiny treasures and found items such as pottery
8 shards, cutting blades, and several burial points; and

9 WHEREAS, during their arrowhead hunt, Mr. Redden noticed a small, corroded piece of
10 circular metal poking up through the dirt, and upon further examination, he determined this
11 to be part of the handle of a sword; and

12 WHEREAS, the sword found that day in 1982 has been studied by several archaeologists
13 who place the origination of the sword in Western Europe, made between 1530 and 1568;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, this amazing discovery posits the theory that Spanish explorer Hernando
16 DeSoto traveled through the Coosa Valley area in 1540 while in Georgia, contrary to
17 long-held beliefs of historians; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Redden, Mr. Raymond, and Mr. Itson loaned their astonishing
19 archeological find to the Etowah State Mounds State Park for five years where it was on
20 display for the public to observe in awe and wonder; and

21 WHEREAS, this discovery made nearly three decades ago serves as one of the most
22 impressive artifact recoveries in the State of Georgia and, to this day, the story excites those
23 who hear it and takes them back in time to a different world.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Mr. Steve Redden on his amazing discovery.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Steve Redden.